

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK ROADS & BRIDGES,  
THE LOOP OVER BRIDGE  
(Bridge No. 004)  
Newfound Gap Road 8.6 miles from park entrance at Gatlinburg  
Gatlinburg Vicinity  
Sevier County  
Tennessee

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MEASURED AND INTERPRETIVE DRAWINGS

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Location: Great Smoky Mountains National  
Park, Tennessee; Newfound Gap  
Road, 8.6 miles from park boundary with  
Gatlinburg.

Date of Construction: 1935

Type of Structure: vehicular bridge

Designer: Charles Peterson-landscape architect

Engineer: U.S. Bureau of Public Roads and National  
Park Service

Fabricator/Builder: C.Y. Thomason Company

Owner: U.S. Department of the Interior,  
National Park Service, Great Smoky  
Mountains National Park

Significance: The Loop Over Bridge is a significant  
component of the transportation system  
in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.  
Providing access to the first national  
park in the southern portion of the  
United States, this network of roads and  
bridges is representative of NPS park  
road design throughout the country.  
Following its completion in November  
1935, the Loop Over Bridge became an  
attraction in itself and has been  
featured on numerous postcards and  
souvenirs. For additional information on  
the Loop Over Bridge, see HAER No. TN-  
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